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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Linda G. Cima, Edward W. Merrill, and Philip R. Kuhl

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Examiner: Jeffrey E. Russel

For: *CELL GROWTH SUBSTRATES WITH TETHERED CELL GROWTH EFFECTOR MOLECULES*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Board of Appeals Decision mailed July 27, 2001 and the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002, please amend the application as follows. It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

**Amendment**

Please enter the following amendment.

Please cancel claims 1-13.

14. (Amended) A method for growing eukaryotic cells comprising bringing into contact the cells and a composition comprising a biocompatible solid substrate, biocompatible polymeric tethers, and